

but sleep anyway in Wilmette, so it was pie for Doc Evans.

It was all a blind, starting the war in Ravinia and Glengko. Ravinia never had any mosquitoes. All the mosquitoes Ravinia ever had belonged to Wilmette. They just went to Ravinia to see what the noise was. Ravinia hadn't even a noise until the Wilmette mosquitoes went there to investigate. They found that the only noise of any account on all the north shore was Bertie Taylor of Glengko.

Now, we are massed in regiments, waiting for Doc Evans' next move. The question is: Is the Tribune afraid to attack our village and thus lay itself open to the charge of helping The Day Book advertise Wilmette?

If Doc Evans really invades Wilmette he will have to fight or dicker with The Day Book Club, and the Tribune will be forced to mention The Day Book. We live in hope. For we know The Trib would sooner bite its own head off than say "Day Book" once in its 705 columns of pure reading matter.—Alfred Gordon, Wilmette, Ill.

ANSWER TO A LETTER FROM A DRUG FIEND

Editor Day Book.—"I was very much interested in the piece by Jane Whitaker about the drug habit, as I am also a 'drug fiend,' but am not anything like a person would picture in his mind from reading her article. I have had the morphine habit for almost a year and God knows I would like to stop for several reasons. One is that it is ruining my health and also turning my friends against me. Another is that the druggists who sell it know it is getting harder to get it and they are taking a greater chance now by selling it, so they have raised the price and cut down the amount so that I am paying almost double what I was two months ago. I have inquired the cost to take a cure at any sanitarium for that purpose and find it will take from \$150 to \$300. As I cannot raise that amount and

know it is almost impossible to cure myself, I suppose I shall go on taking it until I die or I cannot get it any more, and then what will happen to me?

"I am still a young man and with some prospects before me if I could get rid of the habit. Don't you think it would be a blessing if some place were to be opened to such as I to be cared for? And God knows I'm willing enough, as I have not gone too far to see my folly."

This letter was referred to Dr. Charles E. Sceleth of the House of Correction Hospital, the only hospital in Chicago where the drug habit is treated free. This is Dr. Sceleth's reply:

"I have treated as many drug cases as any one in the country, and a man who seriously wants to be cured we can positively cure. The best thing for the writer of this letter to do if he wishes to take treatment here would be to go to some police station and have an arrest slip issued against him under an assumed name and come out here and within a week or ten days I will discharge him. We can positively take anybody off the habit even if he is taking 100 grains a day within a week, though in some cases a second week may be necessary for tonic treatment.

"I can remove any necessity for the drug, but after he leaves here it is a matter of his own will power, and it then depends upon how he acquired the habit as to whether he remains cured.

"If he acquired it through vicious environment and is going back to the same the chances are not equal to cases where he acquired the habit through seeking relief from pain.

"Some fiends acquire the habit following operations, and if the condition has been removed for which they acquired the habit there is no need of their going back. If the conditions still remain the chances are they will go back to it.

"To illustrate: A man was brought